

Attachment

IPC Targets on Czechoslovakia

1. Uranium mining in Czechoslovakia comes under intelligence objective Ic.

"Present and probable future Soviet capabilities for nuclear attack on the United States or key US overseas installations and for defense against air (including missiles) attack."

2. Background

The ability of the USSR to launch a nuclear attack depends to a large degree upon the amount of fissionable material on hand, both in stockpiles and currently being produced. The fissionable material comes from uranium or thorium ore. It is currently estimated that over 90 percent of the uranium available to the USSR comes from the European satellites. In order to assess the ability of the USSR to support a large scale nuclear energy effort, the financial arrangements they have made in procuring uranium ore are of value.

3. Basic Guidance

To support JAMEC in estimates of the quantity of production and stockpile of fissionable material (particularly uranium) the economic factors entering into uranium mining in the various satellites will be of great value. The inputs of material and equipment into the mining endeavor, the price of ore, methods of payment, budget allocations, wages, and similar economic data, as well as direct reports dealing with quantities produced, the assay of the ore, etc. Reports containing this type of information can be expected to be found in the headquarters of the mining organizations. Most of these reports would be classified information and handled accordingly.

4. Target

Production cost and settlement reports concerning uranium mining and concentrating in Czechoslovakia. These reports may cover one or more of the following topics: Ore production, Assay, Quantity of ore shipped, Price of ore, Methods of payment, Number of miners and other employees, Wages paid, Equipment and material inputs.

Location

The Central Directorate for Experiments and Exploration Relating to Heavy Radioactive Minerals is reportedly located at Jachymov (50822, 1255E). Reportedly to be transferred to Prague in 1957 and changed to the Ministry of Exploration. The office of Chief Accountant, Office of Projects and Plans, Administrative Office, and Purchasing Office are in Jachymov.

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Location

The personnel office and section 10, which distributes and services machinery and equipment are located in Ostrav (5018N, 1257E). In addition there are Directorates of mining areas in Jachymov (located in a former tobacco factory outside of town), Příbram, Trutnov, Horní Slavkov, and Znojmo Chodov. An ore preparation and processing plant is located in Veleň (approx coord, 5020N, 1251E).

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